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1. Construction activity on the Island of Rügen has almost completely ended. The big material depots at Lohme, Hagen, Bolchow and Mukran are empty. The materials have been taken away to Stralsund, where it is reported they will be loaded for Poland. Construction work at the submarine base is entirely suspended. The only activity is near Litzow, where a large depot is being constructed for the Soviet Navy. Here, large quantities of cement, iron and tools are lying around. At the present time, they are bringing caissons and diving equipment from Binz. The Volkspolizei units stationed on Rügen are remaining there.
2. Since mid-August 1953, light Soviet ships have been cruising in the vicinity of the Tromper Wiek. For the most part they are depot ships and ships that look like mine sweepers. These last are of about 500 tons. They have a heretofore uncommon dipole antenna. Three of these vessels were sighted on 28 Aug 53 east of Thiessow and in the evening repeated light signals were seen coming from the neighborhood of Puttgarden. The sailboats of the Soviet Zone organization Sport and Technique are not allowed lately to come nearer than six kilometers to the coast, and at times sailing is forbidden.

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